

# SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.

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## FROM ORAN.

I visited Chaffee last week and I must say that the operations of the promoters, the meaning of which is to be guessed: an enigma to me. There was about 800 feet of granite old walks made, a place scooped out where the main store was to be located and rough rocks placed the entire length. With the exception of the small office, I saw no house or building material on the ground for building purposes. Mr. Beardsley, the gentlemanly superintendent, said that the building of the walks and streets would become a necessity and would enhance the value of the property to that extent. That while options had been taken on a number of lots, no deeds had passed as the plat of the town was not then a matter of record. Messrs. Otto and John Heeb think that Chaffee is the coming town and I hope they will not be disappointed. Tuesday of this week I met a gentleman who does not take as roseate view of the growth of the town. He was very positive that the shops would remain at the Cape and without these the town could never amount to much. It is no farming country to sustain or support it—to the east until you get in the vicinity of Kelso, the country is rough and broken and unfit for cultivation, while to the north and west is an interminable swamp. That the city of Cape Girardeau will obstruct the growth of Chaffee in every conceivable way is certain. The Frisco is putting in the side tracks, but that is a separate work, and must not be considered as the work of both.

The hot air machine of the town was giving us an exhibition Monday. Under a full head of steam it started off, pulling the electric road as far as the Wylie school house, at which point it seems some of the operators failed to respect and a stop had to be made to take breath—to recuperate its exhausted strength—after which another forward movement will likely be made. The run was made on good time—one hour and ten minutes—the same hot air and the same individual that built the water works on the McLean Hill, moved the county seat to Oran and located the Frisco car shops here—wonderful piece of mechanism.

While the town is surrounded by a class of thrifty and enterprising farmers, and the land as fertile as can be had anywhere, yet the meat, lard and butter on our tables is brought from St. Louis, and even potatoes and eggs are brought from neighboring towns, not enough of these commodities can be had here for home consumption. Would it not be more profitable instead of raising wheat and corn alone to turn their attention more to mixed farming, diversified crops and raise everything here needed for home consumption.

The school trustees are in a dilemma now. They are confronted with this state of affairs. The enumeration lists showed 400 of school age. Since that was taken at least 30 children have come here from other districts. There are but four rooms in the school building and but four teachers are employed, hence this teaching force cannot successfully handle that number of pupils. No rooms can be rented and if they could the school board has no money to pay an additional teacher.

R. H. McLean claims that the enforcement of the stock law will work a hardship on the farmers adjoining town—that it will compel them to keep their stock within their enclosures or pay the demands of the town authorities whenever the stock is found within the incorporate limits. The advocates of the law contend that when stock is kept within the enclosures it is better cared for, of a better grade and that stock raising is more profitable.

The Adams Lumber Company, of Cape Girardeau, have moved their saw and planing mills here and are building large sheds in which to place the machinery and the dressed lumber which they will have in stock. This will supply a long felt want and these gentlemen assure the people that they will keep all grades of lumber and sell at living prices.

Joseph Kieffer purchased this week of Mr. Davis, of St. Louis, 80 acres of land adjoining his home tract. Mr. Kieffer is one of our most successful and enterprising farmers. Commencing on a small tract, year by year he has added to his original purchase until now he has one of the largest as well as one of the best farms in this section.

The road supervisors on the road from Oran to Rockview are to be commended on the excellent work done. If part of the money spent for water at Benton could be expended in rocking this road and the road from here to Benton it would have certainly been much more beneficial.

Zachariah Hayden, now in his 70th year, is dangerously ill at the home of his son, Alva. Mr. Hayden was born and raised in sight of where the town of Oran now stands and when he gets in a reminiscent mood is an interesting talker.

Miss Theresa McLean will attend school at Fayette the next scholastic year. Having won the honor scholarship offered by the Marvin Collegiate Institute, she will not be charged with tuition fees at Fayette.

Mr. Backof, whose wife has been on an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Judge Wright, came down Saturday from St. Louis and they departed Tuesday for their home.

Frank McGraw will make a second addition to the town. Mr. Bain, formerly surveyor of Cape county, is to be here this week to survey and at the land.

Miss Clara Maddox, who has been on an extended visit to Ill., returned this week much improved in health. Thos. Hunt has sold his residence property near the school house to a

Mr. Bowman, of Sikeston. Hunt will return to the Cape.

Murray Q. Tanner, formerly employed at the mill, and went to Sikeston to enter other business, has returned and is again in charge.

George Menz now in his 80th year has decided to move to Oran. Mr. Menz has lived in the vicinity of Oran for the past 55 years.

Miss Florence Cooksey departed Thursday for Madison, Missouri, where she will attend school next year.

Prof. John H. Goodin, of Sikeston, was in town last week talking life insurance.

W. H. Stubbins, who has been attending the fairs in Iowa, has returned.

S. A. Towns, of Delta, will move to Oran to get the benefit of the school.

There were three families moved to town last week and one moved away.

Judge Joseph Meyers was visiting friends and relatives here Monday.

Miss Dee Fink went to St. Louis Thursday returning Sunday.

The residence of Barney Waggoner is now about completed.

Mrs. Roy Williams is visiting her father, John W. Clemson.

## FROM CHAFFEE.

Messrs. French, of Charleston, S. P. Marshall, and H. Welman, of Crocker, were the guests of Mrs. J. C. Wiley the first of the week.

John Meers, of Hayti, made our city a call last week, and like our many other callers is favorably impressed.

Mrs. Nettie Meers was called to Blodgett Monday on account of the sickness of her aunt, Mrs. How.

Misses Betty and Myrtle Wylie returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Bloomfield and Dexter.

Mrs. C. Hunt is again able to walk about after several weeks of suffering from stepping on a nail.

Mrs. R. French and little daughter of Advance, are the guests of J. W. Heeb's family.

Mrs. Nannie Littlepage has charge of the hotel in the J. W. Witt dwelling.

Mrs. V. Moran and children are very sick at this writing.

Clyde Sherer, of Blodgett, visited our city Sunday.

Oran was well represented on our streets Sunday.

## FROM KELSO.

Lawrence Leist lost a male last Friday by overheating him. He was valued at \$150. It was rather hot last week, and great care should be exercised in working teams in such weather. Mr. L. J. Danner-mueller got one of his horses too hot also; not bad enough to do any serious damage, however.

Sam Menz was acquitted of the charge of disturbing the peace. It seems that the marshal was "off" and wanted to show his authority.

Leo Dohogne is on the pony list. Too much indoor work is not good. Chas. Proffitt and Tony Legend came up from Benton Saturday.

Joe F. Diebold has received a carload of coal for the mill.

Peter Walter and Phillip Georger have moved to Ansel.

Mrs. Ira Hipes sister-in-law of our barber is very sick.

Joe Schlosser, of New Hamburg was here Saturday.

M. R. Drury and wife were at Edna Friday.

Andy Schneider is improving.

## FROM BLODGETT.

Quite a number of real estate changes have taken place in Blodgett the past few days. Chas. Hale, who bought the Congleton place, sold it immediately to R. A. Sparks and Chas. L. Stubbs. The latter two gentlemen also bought the Commercial Hotel and five lots from John E. Marshall. Murray J. Powell sold his residence to A. H. Slagle, and Slagle sold to C. M. Berry.

A. M. Sanders came in Thursday night with a car load of western horses. Mr. Sanders was in a train wreck in Kansas, and arrived home slightly damaged. First reports had it that he was seriously hurt.

We failed to state last week that Joe B. Griffin and Miss Mattie Stobaugh were quietly married on the 5th by Squire Hutchinson. Their many friends wish them prosperity and happiness.

Mrs. Carrie Nation passed through Blodgett Wednesday afternoon and attracted quite as much attention as if it had been Jim Jeffries or Bob Fitzsimmons.

The melon business is about over. The crop was very short, and quality inferior.

Miss Zimmerman, of Allenville, is visiting Mrs. A. M. Sanders.

Geo. Buchanan had business in St. Louis this week.

## FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Thomas Akers died at his home near town Monday night. He was buried Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Suter attended the ice cream supper here Saturday night.

The Misses Beedie and Clara Watkins are visitors here from Benton.

It rained the people out Sunday night and there was no preaching.

Mrs. Jim Cartwright is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hend.

Miss Elsie Allen visited Mrs. Buck Kirkpatrick Sunday.

Thomas Martin was sick this week.

## FROM CLAYPOOL.

Miss Jennie Kindred spent Sunday with Miss Ettie Butram and Miss Bulah Oliver was the guest of Miss Katie Lee.

There was a good attendance from here at Silent Hill Sunday school.

Miss Annie Tippy is visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Jeff King, of Malden, visited home folks Sunday.

Rev. Ward preached at Silent Hill Sunday.

## AROUND BENTON.

The county court has a bunch of settlers to sell. They were bought for the accommodation of loungers about the court yard, but are not sufficiently substantial. Thos. Duval, of Sandywoods, bought one and took it home and may now be seen occupying it and imagining himself a grass roller. The Kicker insists that a couple of beer logs and a plank will make the most appropriate settee for our town leaders.

The president of the county court has requested the Kicker to inform the public who may want water for horses when in town, that it can be had from the eastern on the school property. For some reason our "mediated" well is not doing duty just now. The "lid" is on.

Jonah Clymer, of Campbell, was up to Commerce to meet his daughter, Miss Callie and returned Tuesday. Jonah says he and his family have good health down on Crowley's Ridge and are well pleased.

On his way to St. Louis Sunday the editor had a brief stop at the Cape. The lid was on, and Ben Adams was nowhere to be seen. Matt Morrison said he had gone to church.

The Grand Leader has shut up shop and Benton has but one store—a condition that classifies it along with the one-horse towns. Mr. Margolis moved his goods and family to St. Louis.

Chas. Kimbrell, of Benton, and Miss Minnie Welch, of Advance, were married at the latter place Thursday and arrived in Benton Sunday evening where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Backoff and little daughter, and Mrs. Edna Busmann, all of St. Louis, were visitors of the family of Dr. Fiedling the first of the week.

W. D. Hampton, of Blodgett, was here Saturday, and said, "you can tell me that I took a drink of the artesian water and it tastes like watermelon rinds."

Chas. Keen, a plasterer, has rented the parsonage and moved his family here from Oran. He says he intends to remain here permanently.

Robert Termanstine and family have moved into their new home recently purchased of Jas. Walker.

John W. Evans, of Jones' Island was here Thursday. He reports the corn crop good in that locality.

Mrs. Thos. Adams and daughter, Jennette, visited the Cape the first of the week.

Mrs. W. C. Lambert and her little daughters spent Sunday at Lutetia.

Peter Bollinger, of Bleda, was here Wednesday.

Miss Alma Daniel returned home Sunday.

## FROM VANDUSER.

Death visited the home of Mrs. Ella Joyce on the 4th of August, and called her daughter, May Miller, who has been lingering for so long with that dread disease, consumption. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Morley.

Henry Abshire and Levi Smith, who have been at Edna, moved back to Vanduser Tuesday. They say they will stay in old Vanduser a while longer.

Claude Redman, of Oran, and his best girl, of Crowder, were seen on our streets Sunday. Of course we all know who she is.

Misses Inez Vanduser, Nellie and Edith Shatz and Lena Chaney were the guests of Miss Emma Patterson Monday.

We understand Joe Patterson and Mr. Warnica are moving back to Oran—sorry to lose good neighbors.

Miss Millie Henley, who has been in Vanduser for some time, returned to her home at Oran Wednesday.

W. H. Crannick and wife, of this place, was the guest of his brother, John, at Crowder, Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Armstrong and little daughter and son visited relatives at Bloomfield last week.

J. S. Wallace and family spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in Richwoods.

W. R. Batts invited several of his friends to attend his birthday dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goza are visiting relatives at Bloomfield this week.

Rev. Howie filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

There will be preaching at Vanduser Saturday night and Sunday.

Sam Warner left Monday for Birds Hill to work with his brother.

W. T. Boyatt, of Crowder, had business in our town Monday.

Leslie Woodward, of Edna, was in town Saturday and Sunday.

We had a fine rain here Sunday which was badly needed.

J. S. Wallace treated himself to a bran new buggy Friday.

Mrs. Abshire spent Tuesday with Mrs. L. P. Woodward.

Considerable sickness in this part of the county.

## FROM CROWDER.

J. R. Hudson left for St. Louis Wednesday where he enlisted in the U. S. marine service.

Mrs. Gregory, of Morley, visited her daughter near here Sunday.

H. E. Welman and L. L. Marshall were at Sikeston Saturday.

Frank Hudson came over from Illinois to see home folks.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty died Wednesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Strain Monday.

John Denbow is all smiles—it's a girl.

Miss Ida Caperton is visiting at Mc Mullin.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. A. L. Bryte, assisted by his wife, will visit Oran for three days only—August 21, 22 and 23—to practice dentistry in all its latest branches. Teeth extracted without pain and free of charge where plates are wanted. Consultation free.

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 Buy of me to the amount of \$35 cash and you get a set of Wm. Rogers silver knives and forks—free.  
 Buy to the amount of \$20 cash and you get a set of Wm. Rogers silver table spoons—free.

Buy to the amount of \$25 cash and you get a graphophone—free.  
 Buy to the amount of \$15 cash and you get a set of Rogers silver teaspoons—free.  
 Buy to the amount of \$5 cash and you get a sugar shell—free.  
 Buy to the amount of \$2 cash and pay 30c and you get a picture and frame 16x20 that fits all enlarged pictures.

## Do You Want

A Jas. Oliver Sulky plow, I have it.  
 A Hay Rake or Mower, I have it.  
 A Buggy or Hack, I have it.  
 A Low Wheel, Wide Tire Wagon for \$55, I have it.  
 A Fine Hay Press, I have it.  
 Bale Ties, I have them.  
 8 pounds Coffee for \$1, I have it.  
 5 pounds Rice for 25c, I have it.  
 Best Smoked Bacon at 11c per pound. I have it.



## Do You Want

8 bars fine laundry Soap for 25c, I have it.  
 Calico at 3c per yard, I have it.  
 Ladies' ready-made Skirts at 75c, I have them.  
 California red wood Shingles at \$3.25 per 1000, I have them.  
 Pressed Brick at \$11 per 1000, I have them.  
 Lard at 65c per 100 pounds, or 35c by the block.

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 IF YOU HAVE WHEAT  
 IF YOU HAVE CORN**

**I Want it.**

I also have a Jeweler to Repair your Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

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## FROM SAND PRAIRIE.

Mrs. Ella Joyce, of Vanduser, visited Will Mason's Sunday. Robert Joyce has purchased a plow engine with attachments for six 15 inch plows, and will begin plowing with it this week.

Wm. W. Mitchell shipped four cars of melons that netted him \$200, and Geo. Jackson sold four cars on track for \$200.

Lewis Baker and S. Lay each had the misfortune of losing a male last week by getting them too hot.

F. E. Clay, who has been visiting Wm. Mitchell for the past few weeks, has returned to his home.

Seventy-five cents per bushel is the best price our farmers are offered for their wheat this year.

Melon shipping is a thing of the past here. Our farmers seemed to realize quite a profit.

A Mr. Hatley, of Poplar Bluff, was here last week looking for a home for his two little boys.

Miss Elva Wright, of Morley, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ella Mitchell.

A series of meetings will begin at the Richwoods church next Monday.

Why don't some one peddle peaches and grapes in our vicinity?

Josh Mason made a business trip to Vanduser Saturday.

William Mason has purchased an \$85 rubber tire buggy.

Elmer Joyce, of Oran, was here on business last week.

S. W. Mabrey's father is visiting him at present.

Steve Hunter was in our vicinity last week.

Celestine Finley spent Saturday in Oran.

Will Carroll visited homefolks Sunday.

## FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

Misses Helen Stanley and Cora Kincaid and Clint Davis and Henry Sherer went to the ice cream supper at Diehlstadt Saturday night.

Misses Zora Wagoner, Ree Huffstutler and Elbert Huey spent Sunday at Miss Dora Shelby's.

Any good teacher not employed, call at the Mifeldt school near Diehlstadt.

"Uncle" Lark Huey and wife visited Alec Wagoner's family Sunday.

Miss Lizzie O'Neil, of Cairo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Sutton.

Rev. Atwood preached to a large congregation at Savannah Sunday.

Miss Florence Stanley is about to accept a position at Ilmo.

J. D. Utterback was down Sunday on school business.

Mrs. Murchison and son, Myatt, are visiting in Ark.

Matt Rodgers is thinking of immigrating to Ark.

## FROM McMULLIN.

Mr. Warnick shipped two mules, a wagon and feed stuff to Portageville where he will log.

F. M. Sikes and Green Greer came up from Sikeston Friday to watch our town grow.

W. H. Taylor loaded the prize car of Kolb Gem melons, ranging from 25 to 40 pounds.

Miss Maria Yeakey of Blodgett spent Saturday with the family of W. H. Taylor.

A social was enjoyed at the home of Dr. Wadson Tuesday evening.

Jeff. McDaniel spent Sunday near Blodgett with his sick brother.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchell spent Sunday with her father, J. R. Joyce.

The daughters of J. P. Grant visited near Sikeston Sunday.

A protracted meeting begins here next Sunday.

Everybody should read the Kicker

## FROM COMMERCE.

The Commerce ball team went to Ilmo Sunday and played ball. Score, 4 to 1 in favor of Ilmo. It was a good game and the Ilmo boys treated us royally.

The Misses Patie Freeling and Clyde Brashear spent Wednesday night with the family of Thos. Hawkins.

Mrs. Joe Clymer and Mrs. Wm. Bell, of St. Louis, left Saturday for Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson are visiting his brother, Ed.

Ralph Anderson left Saturday for Colorado for his health.

L. A. Reynolds and Ed Hutson are in St. Louis.

Cy Lomax has gone to Canada to try farming.

Du Lunsawider, of Denver, is here.

## FROM GRAYSBORO.

"City of Graysboro" is the name of Oliver Pate's new gasoline boat. It plies between Thebes, Graysboro and Cape Girardeau and carries passengers and freight at reasonable rates. Excursionists should apply for rates.

The incline was inspected this week and business here is soon to be resumed. The new railroad is coming here from Cape.

Mrs. W. Pugh left for the state of Washington after a long visit to relatives here.

P. A. Pate has groceries, provisions and the post office all under one roof.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hopke Sunday.

W. J. Lance moved to Chaffee Sunday.

## FROM MORLEY.

P. H. Boyce has received the new text-books adopted by the board of education. We think the board made a good selection.

Lon Settles, who has returned from the Texarkana hospital, was here this week, returning to Ilmo Tuesday.

N. Dabbs loaded two cars of the champion melons loaded at Morley. They averaged 35 pounds each.

Dr. W. D. Tomlinson is improving slowly from the relapse he took a few days ago.

N. C. Batts, of Vanduser, was here Monday. He is wanting to hire a teamster.

J. K. P. Chevening, of Blodgett,